

## Reinstatement Reversed

# LMC Strikers Out Again!

BY BILL RUSH

Staff Writer

Fired Lake Michigan college faculty members, reinstated for a day, are back on the streets again as a result of an order Tuesday by a three-judge panel of the 6th U.S. Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

In its order, the appellate

panel said "having been represented to the court that members of the representative union have taken disruptive action" on the LMC campus, the court concludes a suspension of the reinstatement order is "required by all existing circumstances."

The teachers, on strike since

Feb. 15 and discharged as of March 6, returned to a rather chaotic classroom situation yesterday. Some classes were taught by the reinstated faculty, some by current faculty replacements and some by both.

The fired teachers were ordered reinstated temporarily and directed to return to work by

U.S. District Judge Noel Fox in Grand Rapids Monday. But LMC attorneys filed an emergency appeal and the appellate panel suspended Fox's order pending oral arguments at a hearing June 13 in Cincinnati. Both sides have until later this month to file briefs.

Upon reporting for work yesterday, the reinstated faculty was asked by administrators to return home at full pay pending the appeal. But the teachers said they were ordered to return to work and this meant classroom duties.

Dr. Walter Browe, LMC vice-president, characterized the day's activities as "very disruptive to the educational process."

"The college couldn't possibly continue on the basis of having two teachers in the classroom," Browe said. The reinstated faculty disregarded the administrative order to return home and there "were all sorts of incidents ranging from teachers sitting quietly in classrooms to direct confrontations with replacements," he said. Forty-two out of 45 discharged instructors reported back for duty yesterday.

Write-ups are being made of dates, times and places of all disruptions and they will be used in future court hearings, Browe said.

Edwin Prong, LMC Federation of Teachers strike leader, said teachers "had to use strong words in some cases to get seats to recognize the federal court order" but incidents occurred prior to classes. There were no more disruptions than occur during the normal school day between classes, he said.

Prong said "to get a court order for only a day is hard to take" and the hearing date in June virtually eliminates any opportunity for summer school

assignments. Summer school classes are scheduled to start June 11.

Atty. Robert Claus of Chicago, representing the college, said the appeal is based on arguments that Judge Fox by reinstating the faculty actually gave them what they are ultimately

seeking; that the judge called his order a temporary restraining order while it was really an injunction; and that a federal judge should not issue orders involving a labor dispute.

The appellate panel consisted (See back page, sec. 1, col. 7)



**'I DON'T BELIEVE IT':** Joanne Helsley, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Helsley, 2185 North Shoreham, found a lot of eggs at the Easter egg hunt sponsored by the St. Joseph River Yacht club. One of her eggs however didn't have a yolk in it. When her mother peeled the shell off and cut it in half to make deviled eggs they could not find any yolk. The yacht club had purchased approximately 50 dozen pullet eggs for the hunt. Joanne is a first grader at Brown school, St. Joseph. (Staff Photo)

## Watergate May Enlarge Spiro's Role

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon, seeking to put his White House in order, is said to be considering an expanded role for Vice President Spiro T.

Agnew now that two top aides have left because of the Watergate scandal.

The President was closeted in the Oval Office with Agnew Tuesday, discussing the vice president's new responsibilities.

What they will be expected to be announced shortly.

A restructuring of the White House staff, made necessary by the resignations Monday of chief of staff H.R. Haldeman and top domestic adviser John D. Ehrlichman, also was discussed with Agnew and at a 30-minute meeting with the Cabinet.

"It's a meeting that has to be seen as important," a White House source said. "We can assume that the subject dealt with the future more than such things as Watergate."

A participant in the Cabinet meeting said Kenneth R. Cole, executive director of the Domestic Council, will take over some of the duties handled by Ehrlichman and eventually may replace him.

It was also reported that Stephen B. Bull, assistant to the President, has taken on added duties in short-term scheduling and paper flow. It is not considered likely that he will replace Haldeman—but rather that the chief of staff's duties may be taken over in part by the Office of Management and Budget.

Haldeman and Ehrlichman were seen leaving the White House Tuesday carrying stacks of documents, even as the FBI mounted a "round-the-clock" guard in offices containing Watergate-related files.

Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said the guard was posted "to physically protect the files to make sure that access and removal of any files were supervised in accordance with very strict procedure." He said FBI agents checked everything removed by the two resigned aides.

White House sources said that before Haldeman and Ehrlichman resigned, they inspected government files, seeking documentation for their claims of innocence. The search apparently resulted from news accounts that fired presidential Counsel John W. Dean III was prepared to give investigators documents relating to an alleged White House coverup of Watergate.

Meanwhile, The New York Times today quoted sources as saying six former high-level

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SPIRO T. AGNEW  
Expanded Role

## Del Rio Called On Carpet?

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Controversial Detroit Recorder's Court Judge James Del Rio was called before the state Judicial Tenure Commission last week, according to the Detroit Free Press.

The paper said in today's editions that capital sources indicated Del Rio, a former state representative who has had numerous run-ins with police and lawyers in his courtroom, was summoned before the disciplinary body over his reference to an attorney as a "smart ass Jew."

Appeals Court Judge John H. Gillis, chairman of the 11-member tenure commission, declined to confirm whether Del Rio had been called before the body.

Del Rio's behavior has prompted the intervention of Supreme Court Justice John B. Swainson, who advised him to "cool it," and the assignment of an observer in Recorder's Court to report on any incidents.

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The Captain's Table will remain open during remodeling. Adv.

## Seeks To Erase Child Support Delinquency Via Bankruptcy

BY BILL RUSH  
Staff Writer

A St. Joseph man has filed an application in federal bankruptcy court in Grand Rapids to discharge a \$2,400 debt owed the state department of social services for support of his children.

In the application, Kenneth Alvin Ashby, 493 Upton drive, states that the Michigan social services department furnished public assistance, including aid to families with dependent children (ADC), during periods he did not pay child support.

The application asks that the child support arrearage owed the state be discharged since "the effect of paying the state department of social services weekly payments on the support arrearage would be to reimburse for child support already furnished."

A hearing on the application has been scheduled for May

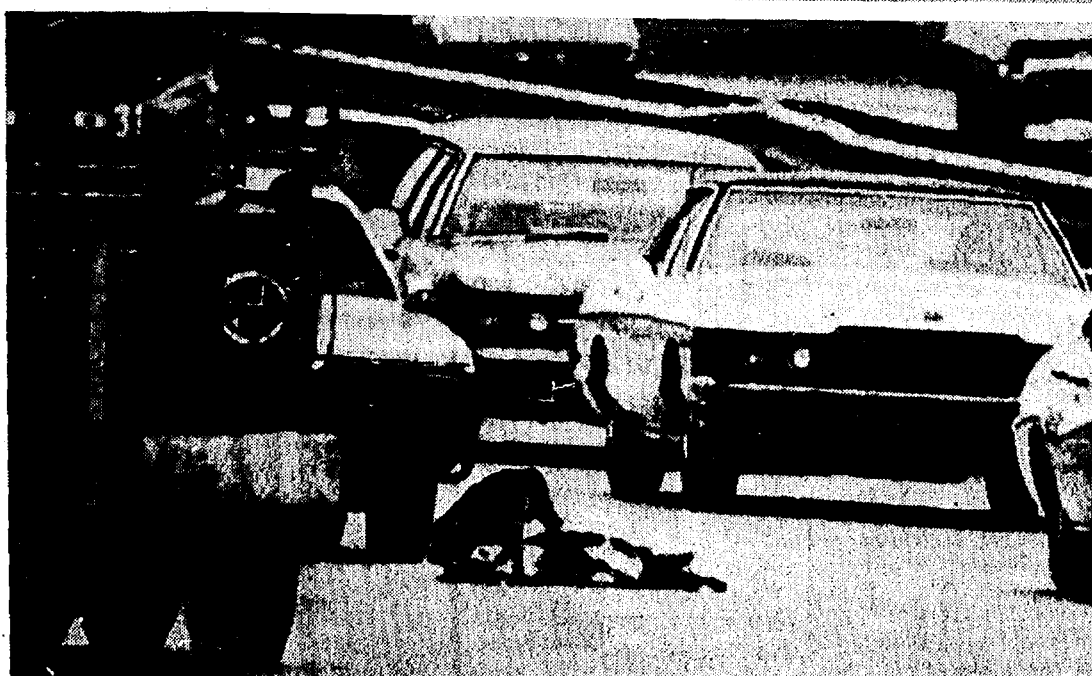
18 before Judge David Nims, referee in bankruptcy, in Grand Rapids. Ashby is represented by Atty. Edward Yampolsky of the Berrien County Legal Services bureau. The defendant state social services department is represented by the state attorney general's office.

Federal bankruptcy records show Ashby's petition for bankruptcy filed last July listed \$5,598.56 as total debt to be discharged. The application lists the \$2,400 arrearage as accruing from a 1970 divorce judgement in Berrien circuit court.

Nims said that ordinarily child support arrearage owed to an ex-wife and children is not dischargeable.

"I don't know of any decisions on this type of case" involving arrearage owed the state and it could be "one of those cases that makes law," Nims said.

Yampolsky said there are cases where courts ruled debts owed welfare departments for reimbursement of child support payments are dischargeable.



**DEATH ON FREEWAY:** Rush hour traffic in the northbound lanes of I-75 at Davison in Detroit pass by a stray dog killed when it darted into oncoming

autos while another dog stands guard over body. In background a police car blocks the way. Fate of surviving dog is unknown. (AP Wirephoto)

## Berrien '5' Go For Big Money

Millionaire,  
Super Draw  
Candidates

BY SCOTT DeGRAFF  
Staff Writer

Five Berrien county residents are slated for a crack at state lottery jackpots in the next eight days.

Two of the five will be competing Thursday in the lottery's weekly super drawing scheduled to be held at the Benton Harbor Fruit market. Territorial road, Benton Harbor.

Three are to compete in the lottery's third \$1 million drawing May 10 in Muskegon.

Competing in the drawing Thursday are James Titus, 30, US-33, Benton Harbor, and Fred B. Marshall, 49, of 419 North Ninth street, Niles. They are assured of winning at least \$10,000 each.

Competing in the \$1 million drawing are Alva Patterson, 30, of 1127 Agard street, Benton Harbor; Mrs. Gus (Marie) Little, 49, route 1, California road, Bridgman; and Mrs. Viola M. Trine, 50, route 1, Lincro road, Berrien Springs. Each will win at least \$1,000 in the bid for \$1 million.

Thursday's super drawing at the fruit market is being held in conjunction with southwestern Michigan's annual Blossom festival celebration.

The drawing will start at 9:45 a.m. with nine contestants competing for \$480,000. Deborah Zemke, of Bridgman, Miss Blossomtime 1973, and television personalities Dave Madden of the Partridge Family show; Sam Melville of the Rookies TV series and Judy Strangis of Room 222 series will take part.

Contestants, besides having a chance at the top \$200,000 prize, also have an alternate chance to win a \$50,000 prize. Each is to receive at least a \$10,000 award.

Persons holding the correct six digit number combination from a weekly drawing are eligible.

In the \$1 million drawing, contestants are assured of winning at least \$1,000. Other prizes, in addition to the \$1 million are one \$100,000 award; one \$50,000 award and seven \$5,000 awards. Contestants are chosen from among 120,000 weekly \$25 winners.

Titus and Marshall become the eighth and ninth southwestern Michigan residents to be in the weekly competition. Four southwestern Michigan residents have been in the previous two \$1 million drawings.

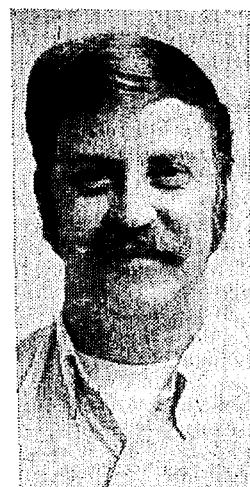
Titus is employed as a lab technician at Auto Specialties Manufacturing company, St. Joseph. He and his wife, Denise, have three daughters.

Marshall, the second Berrien super drawing contestant, is plant

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FRED MARSHALL  
In super drawing



JAMES TITUS  
In super drawing



MRS. GUS LITTLE  
\$1 million semi-finalist



MRS. VIOLA TRINE  
\$1 million semi-finalist



ALVA PATTERSON  
\$1 million semi-finalist

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

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### Heroin, Property Crimes Show Direct Relationship

Here is a development to savor: Heroin addiction, and the property crime it fosters, both appear to be on the wane. The supporting evidence is tentative but nonetheless encouraging. Last September, for example, the Cabinet Committee on International Narcotics Control reported that worldwide seizures of heroin and morphine base had increased from 7.3 tons to 21.6 tons in 1971, and that 1972 seizures promised to be twice as large as those of the previous year.

The increasing scarcity of heroin has driven up its price, driven down its quality, and driven many addicts into rehabilitation programs. The result has been a striking decrease in addict-related crimes in a number of major American cities. According to FBI figures, reported crimes in 1972 dropped by 27 per cent in Washington, D.C., and by 18 per cent in New York City below 1971 levels. Sharp declines in the number of burglaries, larcenies, and auto thefts accounted for most of the over-all decrease.

Another way to gauge the level of heroin addiction in a given area is to establish the incidence of non-transfusion serum hepatitis, a disease transmitted almost solely by addicts' dirty needles. New York's incidence rose steadily from 1966 to 1971, peaking at 1,320 reported cases that year. But only 840 cases were reported in 1972.

Progress in the war on heroin and drug-related crime is attributable to a number of factors. In a survey of cities where reported crimes dropped in 1972, U.S. News & World Report found that police forces had been enlarged in almost every case. More patrolmen were put on the beat, with forces concentrated in high-crime areas. Improved police equipment and expanded programs for treatment of drug addicts also contributed to the

decrease in crime.

The U.S. drug underworld was dealt another blow on April 16, when New York City and federal officials announced the indictment of 86 reputed dealers, 65 of whom were arrested the same day. Those indicted were said to be capable of handling a total of 220 pounds of heroin a week.

Dr. Robert L. DuPont Jr., who heads Washington's Narcotics Treatment Administration, is encouraged by the growth of anti-heroin sentiment in the city. "Four years ago, few people in Washington knew about heroin addiction," he says. "Most inner-city young people had no idea of the consequences of heroin use, and the pusher was seen as a fabulously successful businessman. Today, the addict is seen as a fool, a sick person, a parasite, or all three, and pushers are thought of as vermin. Heroin is now definitely 'out.'"

Although some important battles have been won, nobody is prepared to forecast victory in the long war on heroin. As contributing editor Peter J. Ognibene noted in The New Republic, "Higher prices for raw opium could turn substantial amounts now retained for local consumption into international traffic. The governments of Burma, Thailand and Laos have no control over the so-called 'Golden Triangle' where most of the world's illicit opium is now grown. Similar situations now obtain in Afghanistan and Pakistan."

In other words, traffic in heroin will continue, despite all risks, as long as the drug remains fabulously profitable. Current efforts are aimed at cutting off heroin supplies. If the famine lasts long enough, and if rehabilitation programs continue to be effective, demand should drop further. Only then will it be permissible to dream that the war might finally end.

### Conservatives Gaining On Campus, Survey Shows

If current trends on college campuses continue much longer, young adults may soon be looking back with nostalgia upon the quaint, riot-torn Sixties. Pundits now discern a revival of Fifties-style campus calm. Students, they say, are more concerned about employment security and private vices than about social and political issues. Some believe that the era of college protests ended three years ago—on May 4, 1970—when Ohio National Guardsmen killed four students and wounded nine others at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio.

The events at Kent State came four days after President Nixon had announced a U.S. offensive in Cambodia. On May 4, National Guardsmen fired 54 shots into a crowd of students participating in or watching a demonstration against the war in Indochina. Soon after the tragedy, Nixon appointed a Commission on Campus Unrest to

probe the Kent State affair and other college violence. The commission reported that "indiscriminate firing" by the National Guard at Kent was "unnecessary, unwarranted and inexcusable." But it also said that "violent and criminal actions" by students had contributed to the bloodshed.

The theory that college students are turning inward and becoming more conservative received support from an American Council on Education study released in February. More than 42 per cent of the 307,656 students in the survey stated that colleges had been "too lax" in dealing with campus protests. And 35.2 per cent of today's freshmen described themselves as "liberal" or "far left," compared with 38.1 per cent in a 1971 survey. Those opting for the "middle of the road" category increased from 46.8 to 48.3 per cent while the "conservative" or "far right" self-classification grew from 15.2 to 16.6 per cent.

### Onion Lament

Housewives, food preparers and others who fuss around a kitchen have something extra to cry about while

peeling an onion. If they can find one to peel. The common onion, usually thought of as one of the lowliest of vegetables, is hard to come by.

Undercut by weather, the onion has doubled in price. As a result it has begun to disappear from the American cuisine. But how can that be?

A hot dog without chopped onions is naked. A steak, for those few who remember, had to be simmered in onions to provide the proper aromatic setting. Even the redoubtable hoagie was nothing without shredded onions. Times change. If protein substitutes are in vogue, perhaps substitutes can be found for the onion.

But what? Nothing quite has the outstanding qualities or the lingering influence.

After all, nobody ever cried over garlic or hot peppers.

More than 1,000 earthquakes east of the Mississippi have been reported since 1700.

### Shake Down



### GLANCING BACKWARDS

#### NAME TWO WINNERS OF TISCORNIA GRANTS

— 1 Year Ago —

Barbara Kramer of Lakeshore high school and Joseph Marsala of Lake Michigan Catholic high school have each been granted \$4,000 scholarship awards from the Tiscornia foundation.

Miss Kramer, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kramer, 588 St. Joseph avenue, Stevensville. Her father is an engineer in the Ausco Brake Engineering department in St. Joseph. Joseph Marsala, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Marsala, route 3, Box 214, Pier road, Benton Harbor. His father is an Ausco plant

security guard at the Edgewater plant in St. Joseph.

#### EVERYONE'S QUEEN CHOICE: MATTAWAN'S GERRI GLIDDEN

— 10 Years Ago —

An audience favorite from the start, Gerri Ann Glidden of Mattawan vindicated popular taste by winning the title of Miss Blossomtime last night.

A girl with whom beauty is a business — she's a beauty academy student in Kalamazoo — Gerri was chosen from a royal family of 27 lovely local queens to rule over southwestern Michigan's vestal Blossom

Festival. The charmer displayed poise gained last year as a runner-up in the Miss Mattawan contest and clear-cut beauty similar to that of one of her judges, 1961 Miss America, Nancy Fleming Johnson.

#### GIVE FORMAL OKAY TO JOINT SEWAGE PLANT

— 29 Years Ago —

The St. Joseph city commission Monday night adopted a resolution authorizing City Manager Herman G. Crow to employ the engineering firm of Consoer, Townsend & Quinlan, Chicago, to prepare plans for a joint St. Joseph-Benton Harbor sewage disposal plant.

A similar resolution was adopted by the Benton Harbor city commission last night. The action was taken following several joint meetings of the two city commissions.

#### COOL SWIM

— 39 Years Ago —

Three couples went swimming yesterday afternoon in Lake Michigan. They were from Chicago and New Buffalo, and all said the water was fine though their teeth chattered a bit.

#### TO OPEN SHOP

— 49 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Radtke have moved from Arden to St. Joseph where Mr. Radtke plans to open a plumbing shop. They will reside at 310 Wayne street.

#### FIRST CATCH

— 59 Years Ago —

James Isbell, St. Joseph was the first local fisherman to catch 25 trout when the season officially opened. Frank Anderson returned with 20 and Harry W. Smith of Benton Harbor, 15.

#### LOAD OF LOGS

— 81 Years Ago —

The Wells-Higman company has received three carloads of logs for their crate and basket business.

### Kissinger 'Devastates' Movie Star

WASHINGTON (AP) — Henry Kissinger, the swinging member of the Nixon administration, has turned again to Hollywood for a White House dinner partner. He escorted actress Mamie Van Doren to a dinner Tuesday night for West German Chancellor Willy Brandt.

Asked what she thought of President Nixon's national security adviser, Miss Van Doren replied: "Devastating."

Kissinger turned to reporters and laughed, "Write that down, for God's sake."

#### POLICY CHANGE

DETROIT (AP) — Michigan Blue Shield, announcing a reversal in policy, said Tuesday it will pay for abortions in approved hospitals and facilities which meet state standards. The policy change will be effective as of last Feb. 22.

### Ray Cromley

### Housing Program Short Of Its Aim



WASHINGTON (NEA) — A recent in-house review of federal housing and urban renewal programs does not present a pretty picture.

The rehabilitation loan program has provided a quarter billion dollars in subsidized 3 per cent, 20-year loans over the past eight years to selected owners and tenants to promote the rehabilitation of property in urban renewal areas.

Investigators uncovered the distressing fact that in some localities, overhead or administrative expenses have accounted for half of the cost of the program.

In a majority of cases, the aid did not go to help the neediest families. Well over half of the subsidized loans have been going to persons with incomes above the median in their areas. Nearly 500 went to those earning more than \$20,000.

Though the improvement of substandard housing was a major objective, most of the housing being subsidized already met minimum housing code standards. Families receiving the loans used the funds for additional improvements.

The situation in the 24-year-old \$13 billion urban renewal is worse. The studies indicate a substantial part of the federal subsidy has been going to land speculators who have unloaded land at several times its worth. In one eastern city local officials documented 20 instances in which the urban renewal agency purchased land at more than double its appraised value; the price paid exceeded the appraisal by more than 500 per

cent in nine instances, by 1000 per cent in five, by 1,500 per cent in three and by 2,000 per cent in one.

Participating cities must observe 1,800 pages of federal regulations. Local officials must, of necessity, spend much of their time finding ways of staying within or circumventing the rules. In many cases this further distorts the objectives.

Commitments now outstanding in federal-low-rent, public housing, rent supplement, home ownership assistance and rental housing programs are expected to cost the taxpayer \$57 billion to \$82 billion in direct subsidy payments over the life of the projects.

Yet the investigators have found these programs provided "a fortunate few with new housing while comparable families pay more to unsubsidized housing that is not new."

The projects have placed some families in homes they can't afford to maintain, have provided inordinate financial gains for intermediaries and have inflated housing costs in part at least because officials supervising the programs have not properly inspected them, nor given adequate counseling to low-income home buyers.

The federal college housing program, it was found, has been subsidizing the building of costly new college dormitories in areas where students are leaving the dorms for off-campus private housing. Largely, perhaps, as a result of this misplaced aid, defaults jumped from 13 projects in 1971 to 59 in 1972.

### Marianne Means

### Good News For Senior Citizens



WASHINGTON — Bad news travels faster and farther than good news, and there has been so much of the bad lately that the good has about as much chance of being noticed as a footprint in a rain forest.

Herewith an example of good news ignored, appropriate for Senior Citizens Month which begins today (May 1).

Congress and the White House agreed the other day for the first time on major new social legislation, after months of angry wrangling about domestic spending programs. The President promised not to veto a comprehensive act setting up new services for the nation's elderly, although he had vetoed a similar but more expensive measure last year.

The bill represented a significant break in the stalemate between Congress and the White House. But everybody was so preoccupied with the Watergate, floods and food prices that hardly anybody under the age of 60 paid any attention.

It also demonstrated that, although Congress has been unable to override the President's vetoes, organized public pressure and bipartisan Congressional cooperation can still force the President up against the wall on important issues.

The President abandoned the philosophical objections he had raised to the original bill, and the compromise version contained all but one of the original proposed programs. Congress, for its part, sharply cut back the scope of the programs by trimming the original authorization by \$1.4 billion and by not providing a fixed dollar authorization for several of the new services. That means, in effect, the Congressional Appropriations committees will argue about the amount of the financing later.

The White House, in agreeing to negotiate with Congress over this act, seemed to be responding to the lobbying campaign mounted by the National Council of Senior Citizens (NCSS), the American Association of Retired Persons, and other organizations for the elderly. For instance, the NCSS, which has 3,000 clubs and more than three million members, organized an effort to override an anticipated Nixon veto months ago. (Passage of the bill in some form was never in doubt.)

The elderly pelted Congressmen with postcards and visits, and more support was evidenced for this bill than any yet considered this year. "This was a very popular measure," NCSS Director William Hutton said. "The President had to be unsure of himself on this one."

Hutton is pleased with the bill despite the limited funding. He points out that it initiates vital new services for the elderly and he is confident Congress will provide adequate financing in time.

#### WARREN HITS SCREENING

NEW YORK (AP) — Former U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren says a proposal to screen cases before they reach the Supreme Court "is fraught with practical, jurisdictional and constitutional problems of the first magnitude."

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**LICENSE EXHIBIT HERE TO MAY 16:** Secretary of state's branch office at 2609 Niles avenue, St. Joseph, will have exhibit of rare and antique Michigan license plates on exhibit to May 16. It contains license plates from each year they were issued. Mrs. Neil Bement of Bridgman shows little Jeffrey Perkins the leather licenses used in 1905. Jeffrey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Perkins and was being cared for by Mrs. Bement while his mother was at the license bureau. (Staff Photo)

## Licensing History Traced Auto Tags Displayed

Michigan passenger car license plates, from the first "home-made" leather tags in 1905 through 1973, are on display at the auto license bureau, 2609 Niles avenue, St. Joseph.

The exhibit consists of four display cases mounted with plates collected by the secretary of state's office.

The display contains plates from every year Michigan issued registrations, including a matching set of leather plates, on which the

owner mounted numbers.

There is also a dash tag, a disc about the size of a silver dollar which the vehicle owner had to display on his dashboard.

"Ham" license plates are on display, too, which were issued in 1939 to identify ham radio operators. The plate had the operator's call numbers so the operators could be used in an emergency. Also shown are porcelain plates, and seven governors' license plates.

## BH Commissioners May Get Pay Hike

Although final action has yet to be taken, it appears that Benton Harbor city commissioners and the mayor will receive pay hikes for their service.

The Benton Harbor city charter commission Tuesday tentatively agreed to pay the mayor \$15 per meeting and each of the eight commissioners \$10.

Under the present charter, the mayor and commissioners each are paid \$5 per meeting, with the yearly total not to exceed \$300.

Members Wilbert Smith and James Murphy felt there should be a limit, and Smith suggested pay for no more than 70 meetings a year. This would include the 52 regular meetings, with provision for 18 special meetings. Absent were Chairman Victor Greer and Laurence Fish.

While tentatively agreeing on the pay, the charter commission decided that a formal vote would be taken when all nine members are present.

The commission's special counsel, Atty. David Morris of Kalamazoo, said there should be a figure on pay in the new charter. He said if the city commission isn't satisfied, it can utilize a state law providing for a salary commission. This is a body of citizens who meet periodically to set city commission pay.

For Atty. Morris, this was his last charter meeting until June. He is leaving on vacation, to travel throughout the South Pacific.

The charter group today was to hear opinions from City Commissioners F. Joseph Flaugh, Bonita Branscomb, and Daniel Chapman. In future meetings, the commission will review drafted chapters of the proposed charter and make alterations as seen wise. These will be submitted to Atty. Morris upon his return.

An election on the charter has been set for Sept. 18.

## Camilla Hunt Will Head BH Teacher Group



MRS. CAMILLA HUNT  
BHEA President

Mrs. Camilla Hunt, a teacher at Columbus elementary school, holds the top two positions in the Benton Harbor Education Association.

Mrs. Hunt is new president of the BHEA and also chief negotiator for the BHEA in contract talks now underway with the Benton Harbor board of education.

As president, Mrs. Hunt succeeds Dean Betz, whose term expired Monday.

Other BHEA officers are Milan Gray, vice president; Mrs. Frances Shuck, secretary; and Mrs. Eleanor Stump, treasurer. New directors at large are Mrs. Gladys Burks and Rick Garrison.

For Mrs. Hunt, it is the third

year she has been chief negotiator and the sixth year she has been a member of the bargaining team. She also is the first elementary teacher to become president of the BHEA.

### Limit Parking During Parade

St. Joseph city police today announced the parking restrictions that will be in effect Thursday afternoon for the Kiddies-Parade.

From noon Thursday until the end of the parade, parking and traffic will be prohibited on Pearl, Park, Price and Jones streets, between Main street and Lake boulevard.

## BH Math Teacher Killed When Car Runs Into Tree

A Benton Harbor junior high mathematics teacher was killed early this morning when the car he was driving crashed head-on into a tree off Red Arrow highway in Shoreham.

Dead is Lawrence E. Decker, 42, of 2149 North Hanley road, Shoreham. St. Joseph township police reported he was traveling alone when the crash occurred about 12:45 a.m.

Police said Decker appeared to have been killed instantly. It took about 20 minutes to free the

body from the wreckage.

The death was the 11th on Berrien county highways this

**11** Auto Deaths  
in Berrien  
County in  
1973

year — nine less than at the same time in 1972.

The accident occurred less than a quarter mile from

Decker's home.

Police said the Decker auto was northbound on Red Arrow just north of Wissing lane, when it failed to negotiate a curve and rammed a tree, about three and one-half feet in diameter.

After impact, Decker's 1969 oldsmobile swung around and stopped in a ditch, about 25 feet from the right edge of the road.

St. Joseph township police said the body was pinned in the wreckage until the passenger side door was opened with an axe.

Decker was pronounced dead on arrival at the emergency room of Memorial hospital.

Mr. Decker was born Oct. 17, 1930, in Kalamazoo.

He was a member of the Michigan Education Association and the National Education Association. He was also a member of the Ralph Rumbaugh American Legion Post No. 51, Buchanan, and the Trinity Lutheran church, St. Joseph.

Surviving are his widow, the former Mary Curcini, whom he married on Oct. 15, 1955, in Bowling Green, Ohio; two sons, Carl of Stevensville and Carson of Monterey, Calif.; a daughter, Kimberly, at home; a brother Norman of Buchanan and a sister, Mrs. Lee Barritt of Grand Rapids.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday in the Dey

Brothers funeral home. Rev. Daniel A. Strenfert will officiate. Burial will be in River-view cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.



LAWRENCE E. DECKER

## Robert T. Alti Seeks Seat On SJ School Board

Robert T. Alti, 680 Manitou road, has filed nominating petitions for a four-year term on the St. Joseph board of education.

Two four-year terms are at stake in the June 11 election. Alti is the third candidate to file. Others are Dr. Joseph B. Naines, Jr., 31 Murphy court; and Mrs. Beverly (Frank) Linn, 3635 Wissing lane.

A three-year term also will be on the ballot. Mrs. Freda (Jack) Sparks, 2721 Highland court, has filed for this post.

All of the incumbents, Arthur Franzen, who resigned last week with three years remaining on his term; and Dr. Dean K. Ray and Douglas Burr, have announced they will not seek re-election. Deadline for filing nominating petitions is 4 p. m. May 14 with the board secretary or school district's business manager.

Alti, 45, is a life-long resident of the Twin Cities. He is an order administrator, Whirlpool Corp. product order department.

A graduate of Benton Harbor High school, 1947, he also attended Lake Michigan college in 1949-51 where he received an associate degree in business administration.

Alti was in the U. S. Army from March 1, 1951 to No. 31, 1952, reaching the rank of sergeant first class and serving in Korea.



ROBERT T. ALTI  
Candidate

Alti is a member of St. Joseph Elks; and is business agent for the American Federation of Musicians, Local 232.

Other activities have included PTA, Boy Scouts and Little League.

Alti is married to the former Mary D. Gilbert of Benton Harbor. They have two children, Mark a high school senior, and Nancy, an eighth grader at Upton junior high.

He is an elder in the First Presbyterian church of Benton Harbor.

## Crusade Extended

The Cancer Crusade in Benton Harbor has been extended through this week, according to Mrs. Mildred Wells, chairman of the campaign in the city.

Mrs. Wells said the extension was made in an attempt to hit a target of \$1,000. About \$500 has been raised so far.

The city drive is being conducted in conjunction with the Berrien County Cancer Crusade. The county goal is \$58,000. \$56,000.



MELVIN FARMER, JR.

campus attendance at Greeley, Colo.

Farmer joined Model Cities in 1969 and served as human resources coordinator for one year, before being named assistant director. Other previous employment includes one year with the Michigan Civil Rights commission at Grand Rapids, and six and a half years as a caseworker for the Berrien county department of social services.

Farmer and his wife, Christine, are the parents of a two-year-old daughter, Cecena. The family residence is at 718 Thresher avenue.



**SOME TICKETS STILL LEFT:** Blossomtime's country concert at 7 p.m. Thursday at Lakeshore high school auditorium is sold out, but tickets still remain for the 9 p.m. show. Both concerts feature Donna Fargo. Also on the program are the Twin City group of Charlie Mott and the Jokers (above). Front, left to right: John Dodge and Ollie Goodrich; second row: Clarence Mott and Bill Wells; top: Charley Mott. Others on the program are Little Jimmy Dickens and the Country Boys.

Benton township trustees last night approved a life insurance program for all township employees and elected officials, the first time the township has had an across-the-board life insurance policy.

The policy will provide \$10,000 coverage for each employee under 65 and \$5,000 for those 65 and over, plus accidental death and dismemberment benefits. The township has about 65 employees and elected officials.

The policy is from Time Insurance Co., and is underwritten by the Dan Flaugh Insurance agency, based in the Fairplain Plaza.

Clerk Ralph Dahn said township firemen already have such an insurance policy, and one like it was part of the new police contract. The policy was merely expanded to cover all employees, Dahn said.

Trustees also designated May 7-12 as annual Spring Cleanup week, with the township picking up the tab for refuse hauled to the sanitary landfill.

Residents of the township must show some proof of township residency to qualify.

Clerk Dahn also said a township truck will be available to persons who are unable to take their refuse to the landfill themselves.

Persons should call the township offices to set up a time, and trustees stipulated that any load "within reason" would be hauled away.

In other business, trustees:

—Sent to second hearing a request from residents on Stewart street for paving of the road.

—Approved a request for a

takeout beer and wine license for Harlan and Maurine Rohm for the by-Rite grocery store at 2335 Red Arrow highway.

—Approved a request from Miles Daugherty to transfer a takeout liquor license at Millbrook to Thomas and Nancy DeRosa.

—Gave approval for two City Demonstration Agency staff members to attend a conference in Washington, D.C. from May 9-11 at a cost of \$508 for both.

—Approved a joint Benton township-Benton Harbor paving of the Fair avenue extension.

## Benton Has Free Boat Ramp, Too

A story in yesterday's edition of this newspaper incorrectly stated that the boat ramp in Benton Harbor, on Riverview drive near Empire avenue, is the only launch site available for free use by persons in the Twin Cities area.

Benton township trustees pointed out that a launch ramp at Benton township park, on Zollar drive near the I-94 overpass of the St. Joseph river, is also free for use by anyone. The township park is slightly over two years old, and has many recreational facilities in addition to the boat ramp.

## SJ Boy Will Attend Safety Patrol Rally

A 12-year-old St. Joseph boy has been selected as one of 50 safety patrolers who will attend a safety patrol rally in Ottawa, Ontario, May 18-20 as guests of the Automobile Club of Michigan.

He is Robb MacFarlane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas MacFarlane of 700 Main street. Robb will represent patrolers from

Washington school which was selected by the auto club as having the best safety patrol in St. Joseph this year.

Robb will attend the all-expense-paid rally following a plane trip from Detroit to Toronto, and a train ride from Toronto to Ottawa. He was selected because of his outstanding record as a patroller, the auto club said.

## Annual Berrien Tax Sale Nets \$65,000

BY BRANDON BROWN  
Staff Writer

Buyers plunked down an estimated \$65,000 Tuesday at the courthouse in St. Joseph to buy

delinquent 1970 and older taxes on some 400 parcels in Berrien county.

This made it an about-average annual May 1 tax sale, accord-

ing to Berrien Treasurer William C. Heyn, with two exceptions:

—Some 75 spectators and buyers in the third-floor com-

missioners' room was bigger than average.

—And a large number of back taxes on Benton Harbor city property went unsold.

Tax buyers want owners to redeem the property, pay off the tax, penalty and interest, but "the percentage of redemptions in Benton Harbor has been considerably lower than the countywide average," Heyn said.

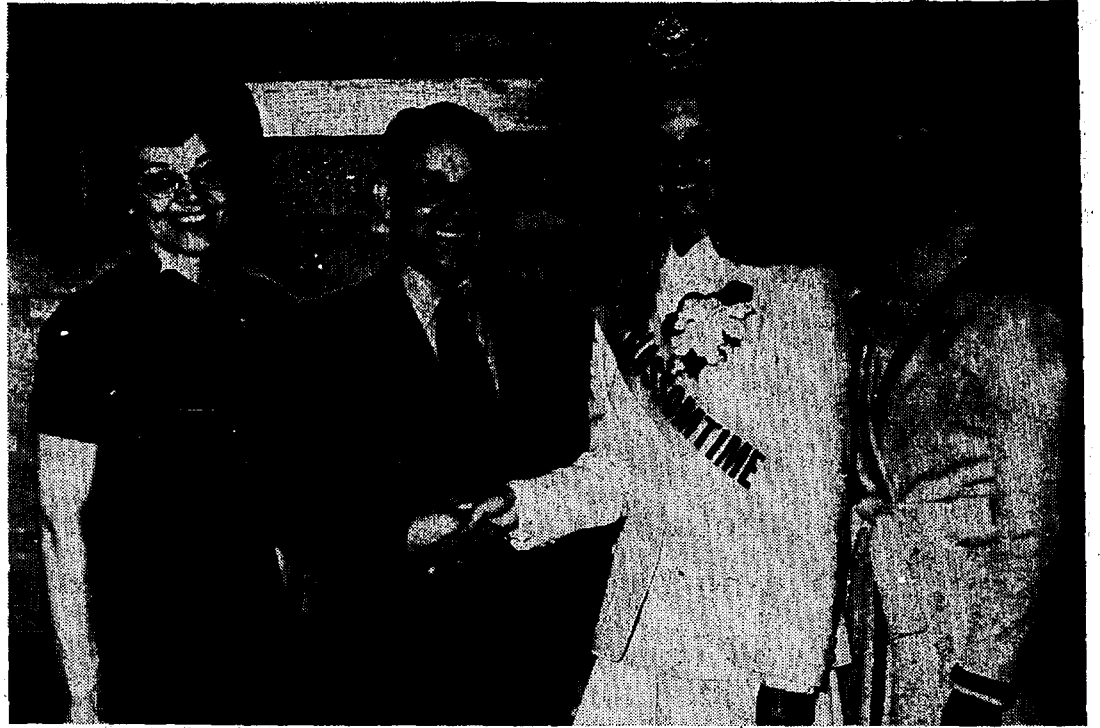
Heyn said it appeared buyers were fearful that Benton Harbor property would not be redeemed.

Property for which the tax obligations were not purchased yesterday will revert to the state, although the owners have one year in which to redeem it.

Property on which the back taxes were sold have an 18-month redemption period. Owners must pay the purchasers one per cent per month interest for the first year and for the next half-year the interest amounts to 50 per cent of the back tax figure.

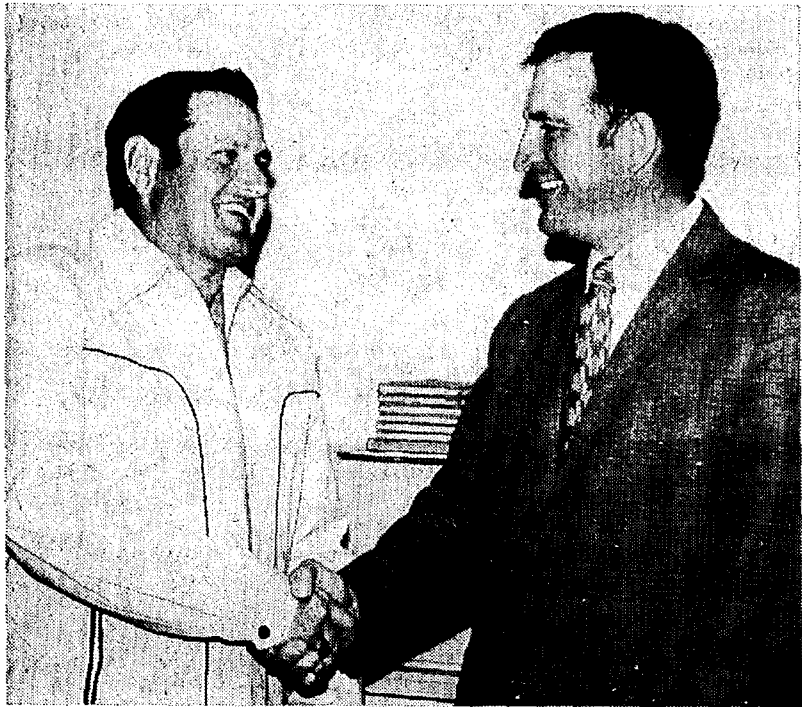
The estimated \$65,000 Heyn got Tuesday goes out to local units of government in June and they send part of it on to local schools.

Meanwhile, sold and unsold taxes can be redeemed by owners who pay the tax, penalty and interest at Heyn's office. Buyers who bought the taxes Tuesday get the tax and interest while Heyn puts the penalty in the Berrien county government general fund.



**HOMETOWN RECEPTION:** Miss Blossomtime 1973, Debbie Zemke, was welcomed home to Bridgman during part of yesterday's Keys to the Cities tour. Congratulating Miss Blossomtime, who lives in Bridgman, were Bridgman Mayor and

Mrs. Wayne Mabry, left, and Mrs. Cathy Virsik, right, Bridgman Blossom queen contest chairman. Debbie was presented key to Bridgman at reception at high school following lunch at Navajo restaurant. (Staff photo)



**WATERVLIE MARKET CHIEF:** William Drach, newly-elected 1973 president of Watervliet Fruit Exchange, left, accepts congratulations from outgoing president Robert Kling. Drach, route 1, Park road, Coloma, was elected by Exchange directors following annual stockholders meeting at Plymouth Congregational church, Watervliet, last night. Sales and profit were reported to have declined in 1972, largely due to loss of peach crop during severe freeze in Jan. 1972. (Cliff Stevens photo)

## River Valley Bus Drivers Back On Job This Morning

By LYLE SUMERIX  
South Berrien Bureau

**THREE OAKS**—The buses were rolling again today in River Valley school district after yesterday's mysterious case of "bus drivers' flu"

disappeared as quickly as it had appeared.

Supt. Harold Sausser said everything was "back to normal" after the 11 bus drivers who called in sick yesterday and did not report for work were

back on the job this morning. Absence of 11 of the district's 20 regular drivers left some 700 students without bus transportation yesterday.

However, noted Sausser, lack of transportation had little effect on attendance. He said 329 of the district's 2,300 students were absent Tuesday, compared to 236 absent Monday. About 85 percent of the students ride buses daily.

In addition to the 11 drivers, five custodians also called in sick Tuesday.

Sausser said all employees who were absent have been requested to supply physicians' statements of their illnesses as provided in their contract.

He was unable to pinpoint the cause of Tuesday's illness, except to note that it was unusual for that many employees to report sick the same morning.

All drivers and custodians are

member of local 585, Service Employees International union, AFL-CIO.

When contacted Tuesday, neither Henry DeRuiter, president of local 585, nor Donald Shetterly, a member of the union's negotiating committee, would comment on any possible association between the "illness" and contract talks.

The union's present contract expires June 30. Negotiations are underway for a new one.

### Budget Is Criticized

**DETROIT (AP)**—The City of Detroit could wind up \$50 million in debt next year if the budget proposed by Mayor Roman Gribbs is adopted, the city's auditor general announced Tuesday.

Victor McCormick criticized Gribbs and said his proposed budget contains numerous "soft spots."

## Michigan Winery Must Improve Waste Treatment

**LAWTON**—Michigan Winery apparently will have to develop a system to pre-treat its wastes before releasing them into the Lawton village sewage system.

Councilman Norman Garvelink told the village council last night that the state has strongly advised against granting Michigan Winery's request to connect to the village system, unless improvements are made to the present sewage plant.

Garvelink said such improvements—involving a second pond—could cost as much as \$30,000.

The village has made no plans for such an improvement, which is not necessary unless Michigan Winery would add its untreated wastewater to the system.

The winery will be advised of the state's position.

Also last night, council voted to meet May 9 to discuss possible use of federal revenue sharing funds.

Council approved spending \$672 for village office equipment and \$934 for equipment for firemen.

The council also disclosed that a telephone in the a restroom at the fire hall has been removed. The phone had been used for non-emergency calls to the fire department and its removal will save about \$2 monthly.

Council also accepted for study a proposed ordinance and

franchise agreement that would allow cable television into the village.

The ordinance and agreement were submitted by Mal Kaser of Paw Paw, spokesman for a private cable television company.



**TAKES POST:** Donald Muth has accepted offer by Watervliet city to take new post of city administrator at annual salary of \$11,000. Muth is a former city commissioner and brother of present commissioner Paul Muth. In new post, Muth is to oversee city purchasing and operation of city utilities, among other duties. Muth, 58, lives in Hagar township.



**NEW AMERICAN CITIZENS:** Berrien residents who took oath of allegiance to become naturalized citizens yesterday at Coloma high school include, front row from left, Joyce E. So'Brien, Berrien Springs; Mavis Wong, Berrien Springs; Betty A. Collins, Niles; Anna E. Henschel, Stevensville; Linet M. Riley, Berrien Springs; Sihan Sayegh, Benton Harbor; Maria C. Jansen, Coloma; Cheryl Anne Jacob, Berrien Springs; back row from left, Yu Ming Su, Niles; Ragbir C. Goyal, Niles;

William R. Bellaire, Niles; Jack H.R. Collins, Niles; Marcus A.R. Collins, Niles; Norbert Jaeger, Bridgman; Guenther G. Mittelstaedt, Bridgman; Dr. Wabwah Sayegh, Benton Harbor; John Jansen, Coloma; Abraham J. Jansen, Coloma; Kenneth R. Riley, Berrien Springs. Two girls seated are Suzan and Hanan Sayegh, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Sayegh. Also taking oath administered by Forrest Kesterke, clerk of circuit court, were Ida Irene

Johnson, Niles; Willi Koch, Berrien Springs; Kurt Pudel, St. Joseph; Jon F.G. Simpson, Benton Harbor; Engelhardt E. Martin, Stevensville; and John Van Wermeskerken, Stevensville. Presiding over special session of circuit court was Judge Julian Hughes, who congratulated group on becoming American citizens and spoke briefly. Program was held at Coloma high school as part of Law Day program throughout county. (Staff photo)

## Flossy Suburbs Still Sticking To Nixon

**BIRMINGHAM, Mich. (AP)**—In the monied and staunchly Republican Detroit suburbs of Birmingham and Grosse Pointe, a sampling of residents shows President Nixon is still considered A-OK—despite Watergate.

"Personally I think it's been blown completely out of proportion," said Chris Kontos, 40, a Birmingham stockbroker who believes the President knew about the bugging at the Democratic headquarters in ad-

vance. "I think the issue of Watergate is not important. I'd vote for him today."

"I think political espionage has been going on in this country forever. It's expedient to accuse the party in power."

Last November residents in the two communities voted approximately 6-1 for Nixon.

"I think his dedication to the job and the presidency made him blind to the fact that people close to him had human frail-

ness," said Ernest Scanes, 76, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

"I admired his being very candid," he said of Nixon's TV statement Monday. "He is in an awkward position. I haven't lost my respect for the President."

Scanes, who said he'd vote for Nixon again today, did say he considered Nixon "A little naive. But it's a quality not objectionable in a lot of people."

"How quickly the Democrats forget Billy Sol Estes and Bobby Baker," said Lloyd Spencer, 40,

of Grosse Pointe. "The bugging of Martin Luther King's phone is equal in significance to Watergate."

"I have now more confidence in the President than I had in the past. I feel, as he said, that he didn't know of the question, and those around him, so greedy for a power base, did this on their own."

Most of the people interviewed said they believed both parties practice espionage, Watergate was not really very im-

portant and President Nixon was being victimized by the ambitions of his underlings.

Dorothy Hutton, 56, a Birmingham Democrat who voted for McGovern, said, "I felt awfully sorry for the President. I thought he read his lines very poorly," on TV Monday.

"I hope he was sincere—Yes, I think he probably was," she added. "I don't think he's wholly to blame at all."

Some, however, said they

would not vote for Nixon again.

Janet Tichen, 26, of Birmingham, voted for Nixon "because I was afraid of McGovern—he was so shady."

"Hell, no!" was her answer, however, when asked if she'd vote for Nixon again.

"I'm really afraid of the government," Mrs. Tichen said. "My husband (an attorney) and I are really upset."

"The President—he's making a mockery of us. I'm nauseous. Just sick to my stomach."